



# PHENIX

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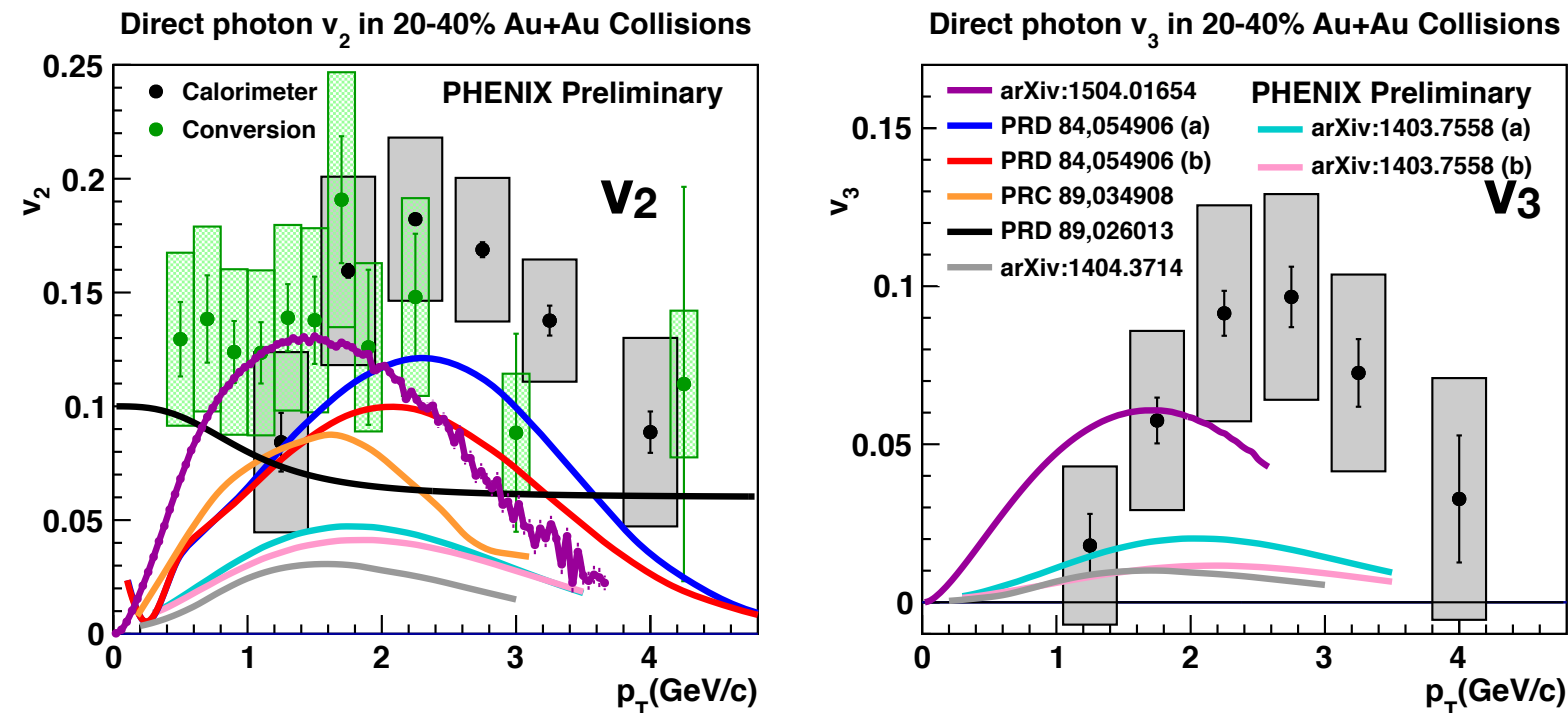
# Recent accomplishments

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- Published 15 papers in last 12 months
- The MPC-EX successfully installed, commissioned and operated in Run-15
- High multiplicity trigger for  $p+p$  to look for near-side ridge – only seen by CMS so far
- Submitted sPHENIX proposal, reviewed in April 2015
- Wide range of impactful physics results - two examples on next slides

# The challenge of photon yields and anisotropy

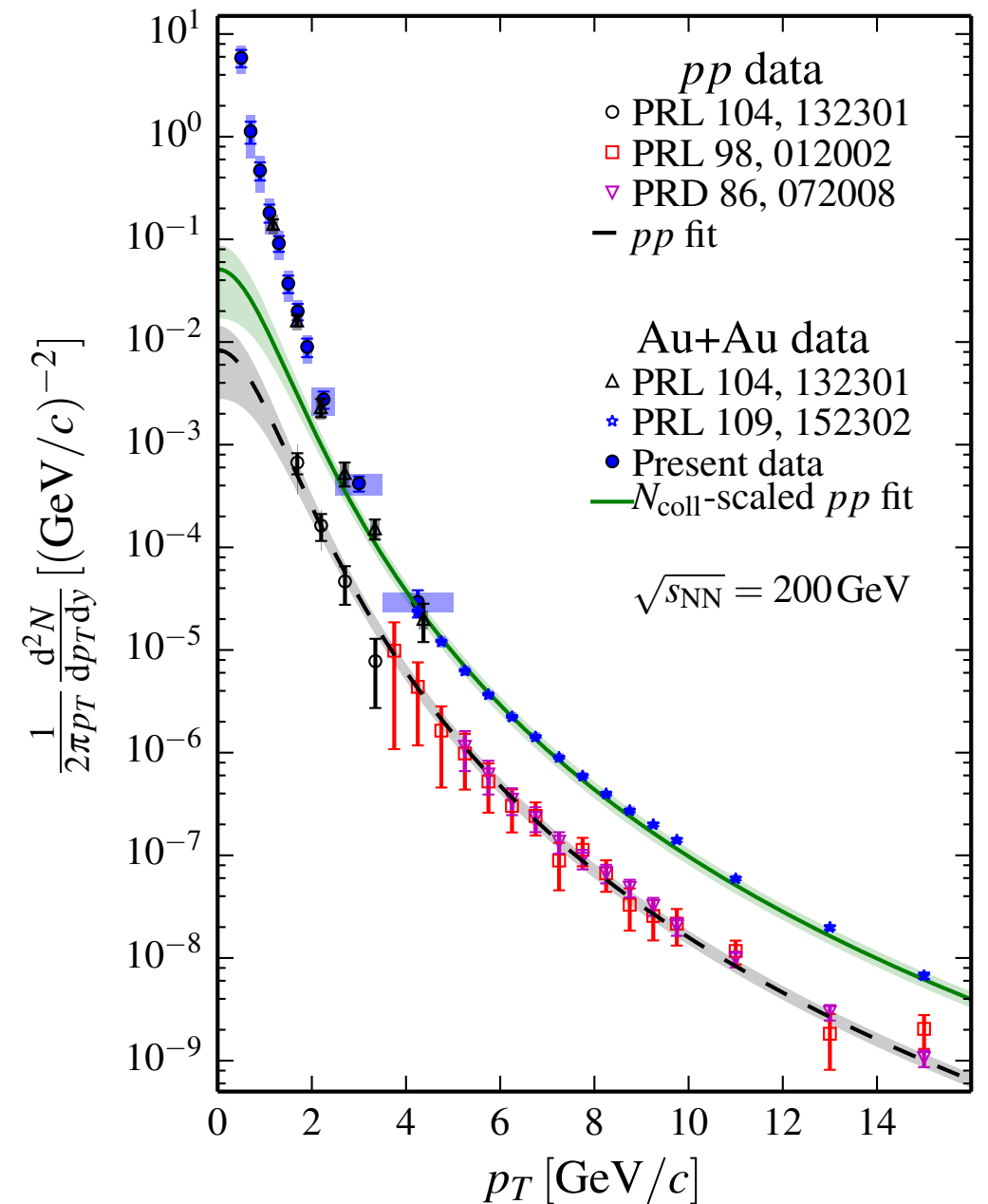
Direct photons to low  $p_T$  in Au+Au  
Phys. Rev. C 91, 064904 (2015) – Editors' Suggestion



External conversion technique – down to 400 MeV/c – improves on QM'11 result

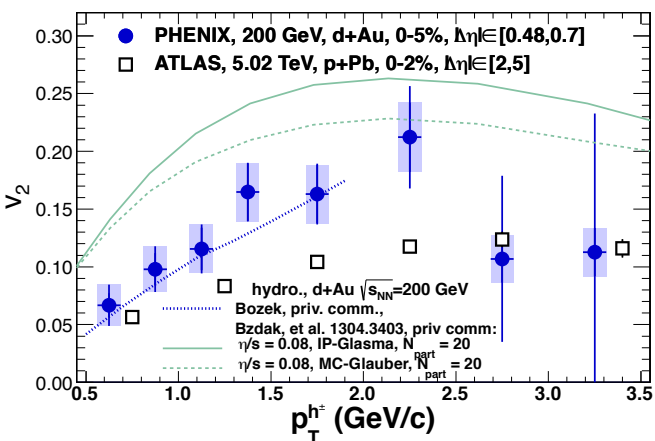
Continues to be a challenge to describe photon yields and  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  simultaneously

Tension between high yield at early time and high temperature and high  $v_2$  and late time to develop flow



# Geometry and small systems: initial and final state

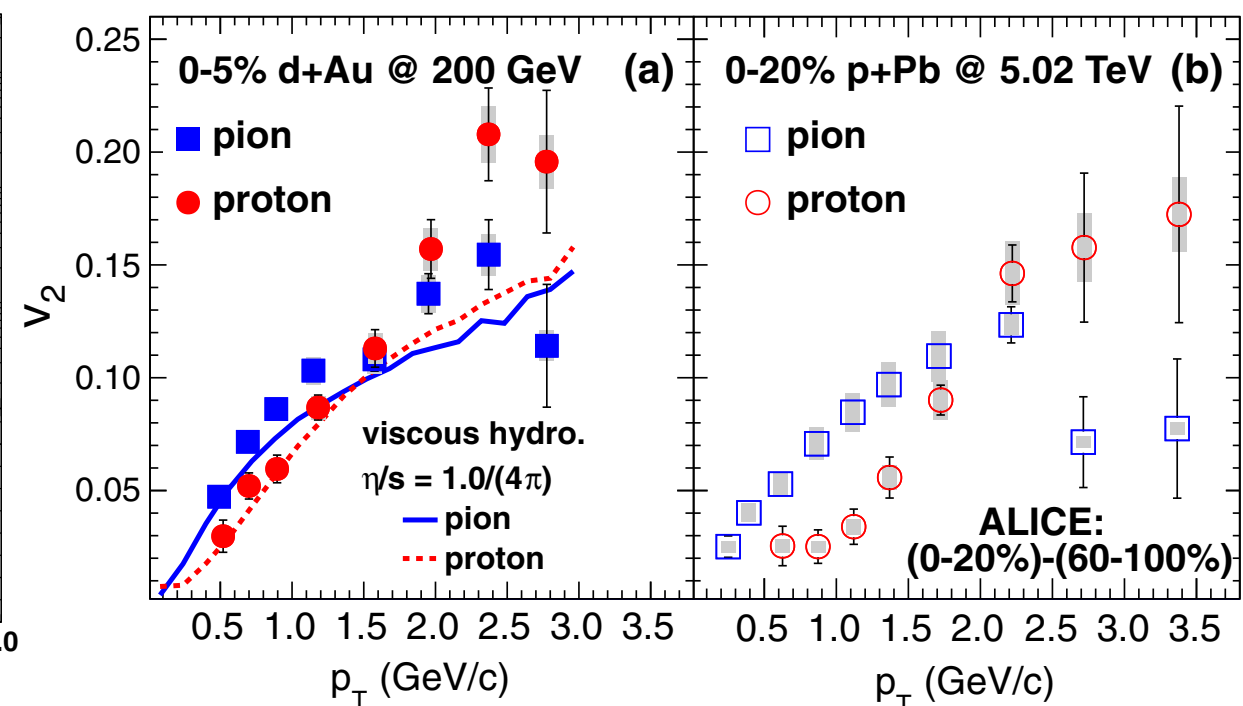
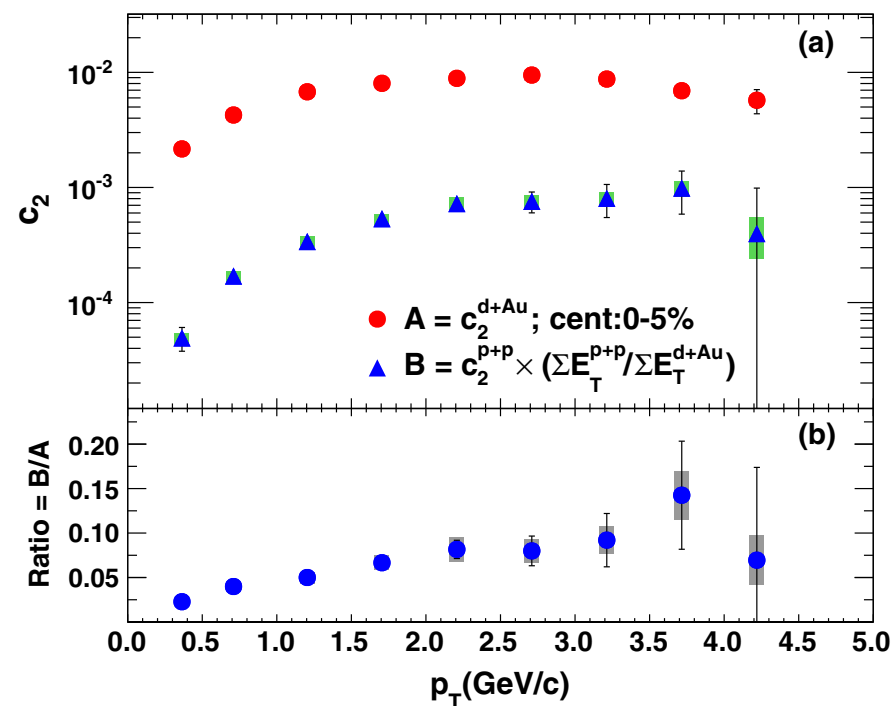
Azimuthal anisotropy in d+Au  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 212301 (2013)



Long-range azimuthal anisotropy in d+Au  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 192301 (2015) – Editors' Suggestion

central arm tracks correlated with  
MPC towers – large  $\Delta\eta$  separation

$v_2$  with PID, MPC used to  
determine reaction plane



Azimuthal anisotropy in d+Au via two-particle correlations triggered by LHC p+Pb  
Confirmed via large  $\Delta\eta$  separated measurement (uses MPC)

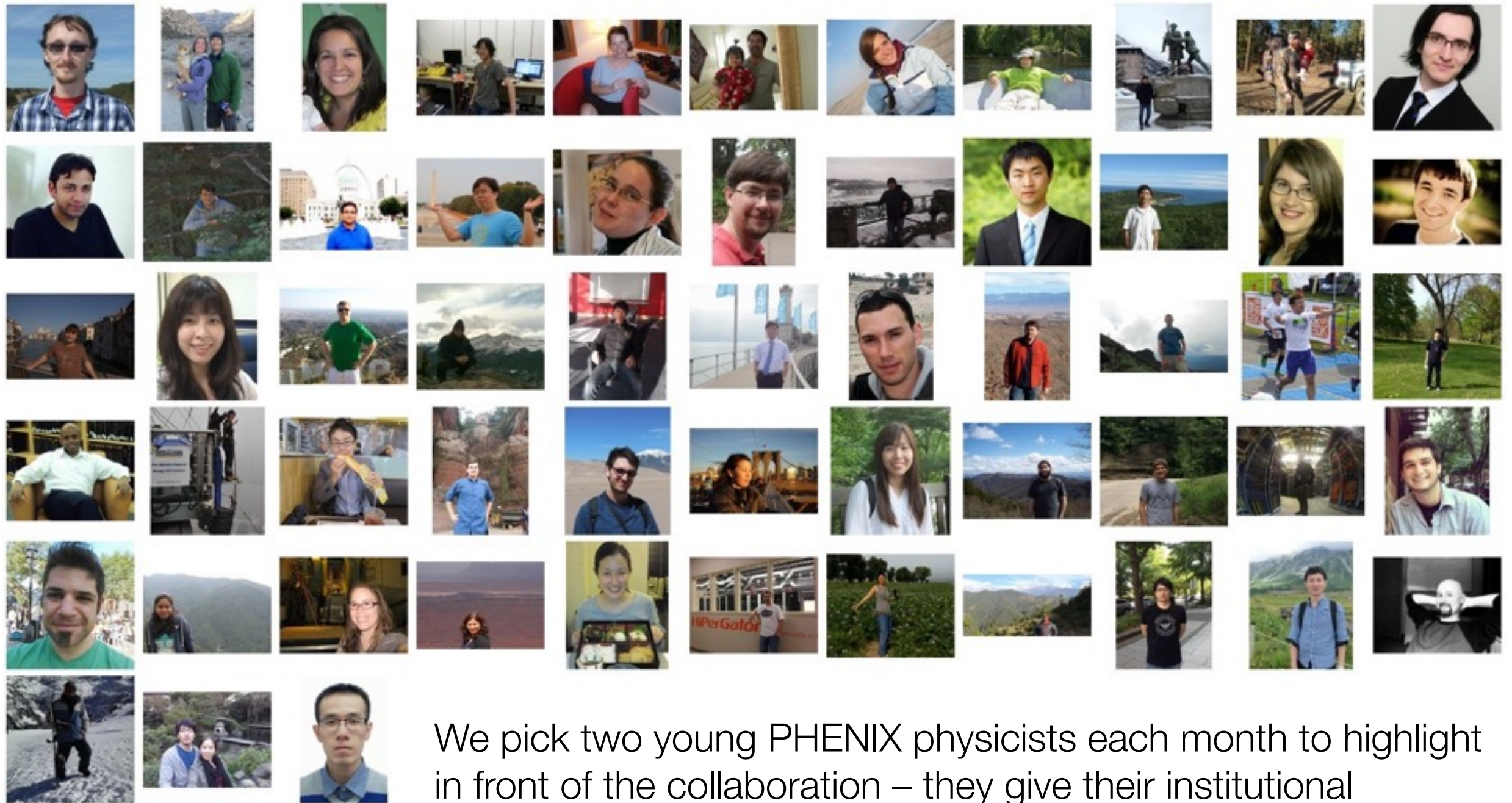
# Managing the collaboration in the mid-term

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- New institutions: MEPHI, Zagreb
  - No longer encouraging institutions to join PHENIX, but to focus on sPHENIX as new collaboration
- Involve collaboration in developing compelling science plans
- Recognize ongoing detector and analysis efforts in the collaboration (speaking opportunities, internal review committees for papers, highlighting)
- Maintaining collaboration strength to complete PHENIX scientific mission is a challenge



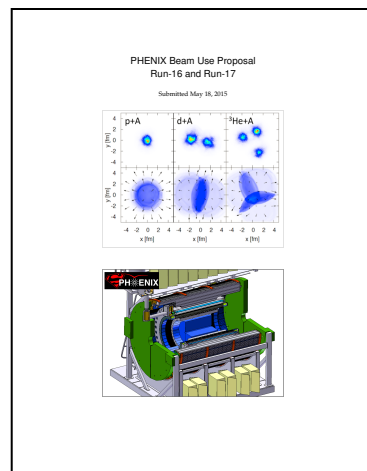
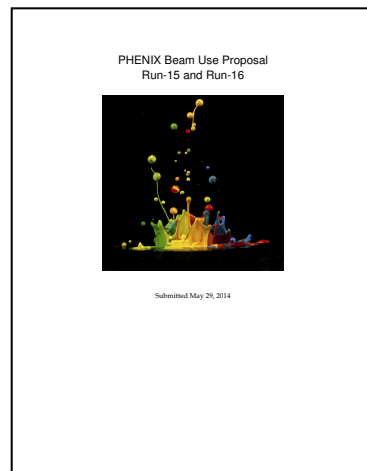
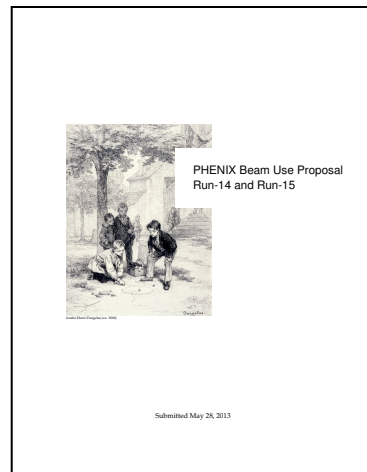
# Highlighting young physicists in PHENIX



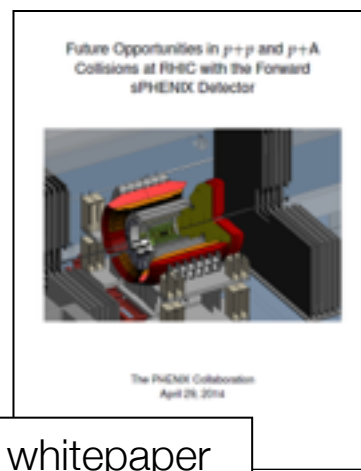
We pick two young PHENIX physicists each month to highlight in front of the collaboration – they give their institutional affiliation, describe their background, research focus, interests

# Collaboration argues for compelling science

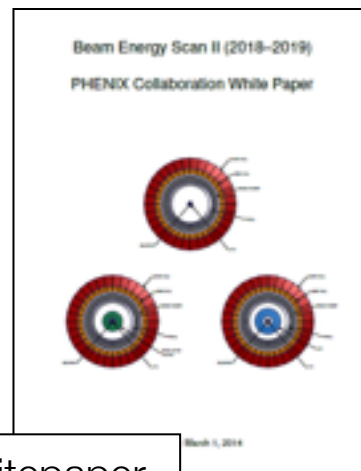
## PHENIX beam use proposals



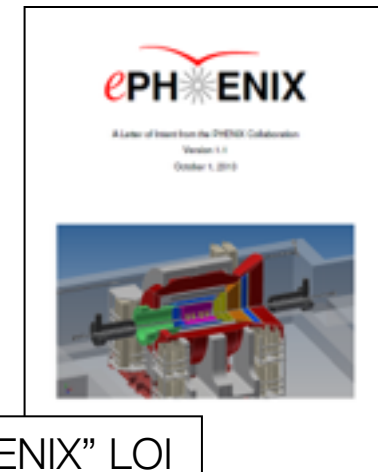
sPHENIX proposal



$p+p$  and  $p+A$  whitepaper



BES-II whitepaper



"ePHENIX" LOI



# sPHENIX is part of BNL plan for coming years

2016: final PHENIX  
data taking

Years	Beam Species and Energies	Science Goals	New Systems Commissioned
2014	Au+Au at 15 GeV Au+Au at 200 GeV <sup>3</sup> He+Au at 200 GeV	Heavy flavor flow, energy loss, thermalization, etc. Quarkonium studies QCD critical point search	Electron lenses 56 MHz SRF STAR HFT STAR MTD
2015-16	p↑+p↑ at 200 GeV p↑+Au, p↑+Al at 200 GeV High statistics Au+Au Au+Au at 62 GeV ?	Extract $\eta/s(T)$ + constrain initial quantum fluctuations Complete heavy flavor studies Sphaleron tests Parton saturation tests	PHENIX MPC-EX STAR FMS preshower Roman Pots Coherent e-cooling test
2017	p↑+p↑ at 510 GeV	Transverse spin physics Sign change in Sivers function	
2018	No Run		Low energy e-cooling install. STAR iTPC upgrade
2019-20	Au+Au at 5-20 GeV (BES-2)	Search for QCD critical point and onset of deconfinement	Low energy e-cooling
2021-22	Au+Au at 200 GeV p↑+p↑, p↑+Au at 200 GeV	Jet, di-jet, $\gamma$ -jet probes of parton transport and energy loss mechanism Color screening for different quarkonia Forward spin & initial state physics	sPHENIX Forward upgrades ?
≥ 2023 ?	No Runs		Transition to eRHIC

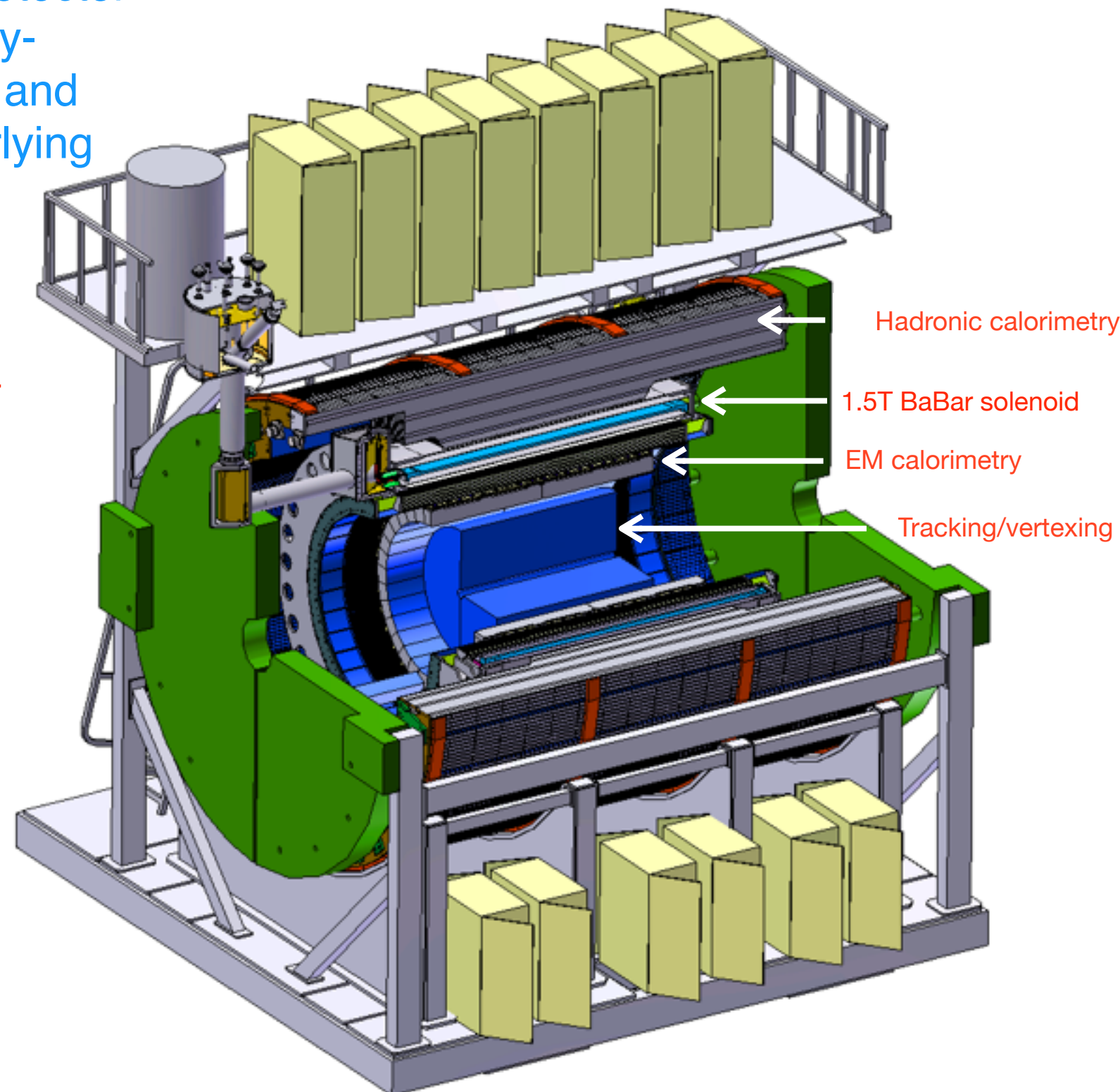


# sPHENIX proposal

**sPHENIX** is a proposed high-rate detector with a full program of light and heavy-flavor jets, direct photons, upsilons, and correlations to investigate the underlying dynamics of the QGP

Key observables:

- modifications of single jet spectra
- heavy-flavor tagged jets
- hadrons to high  $p_T$
- fragmentation functions to high  $z$
- direct photons
- high  $p_T$  Ds
- upsilons
- X+jet correlations



# Timely production of results

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- Physics working groups and Analysis Coordinator help set priorities to schedule data for reconstruction
- Production Coordinator and Computing Coordinator work to define and continually refine strategy to speed availability of processed data for analysis
  - Full data set subdivided (e.g. central arm vs muon arm) to speed initial availability of processed data for some analyses
  - Considered placement of data on disk vs tape to optimize speed of reconstruction (involves close coordination with RACF)
- Initial reconstruction of data from each year finished within 1.5–2 years
- Reconstructed data is made available via “analysis taxi” – machinery for making a coordinated pass by many separate analysis modules over large data sets



# Data Sets

year	E (GeV), species	Lumi*	upgrade	physics	reco status
2014	15, 200 AuAu 200 <sup>3</sup> HeAu	2.3 25	(F)VTX	Heavy flavor, Flow in small systems	
2013	510 pp	242	W trigger	anti-q helicity	
2012	200, 510 pp 193 UU 200 CuAu	4, 50 0.17 5	W trigger  (F)VTX	anti-q helicity, geometry, Heavy flavor	
2011	510 pp 19, 200, 27 AuAu	28 0.8	W trigger VTX	anti-q helicity Heavy Flavor	
2010	200, 62, 39, 7 AuAu	1.1	HBD	low-mass dileptons	

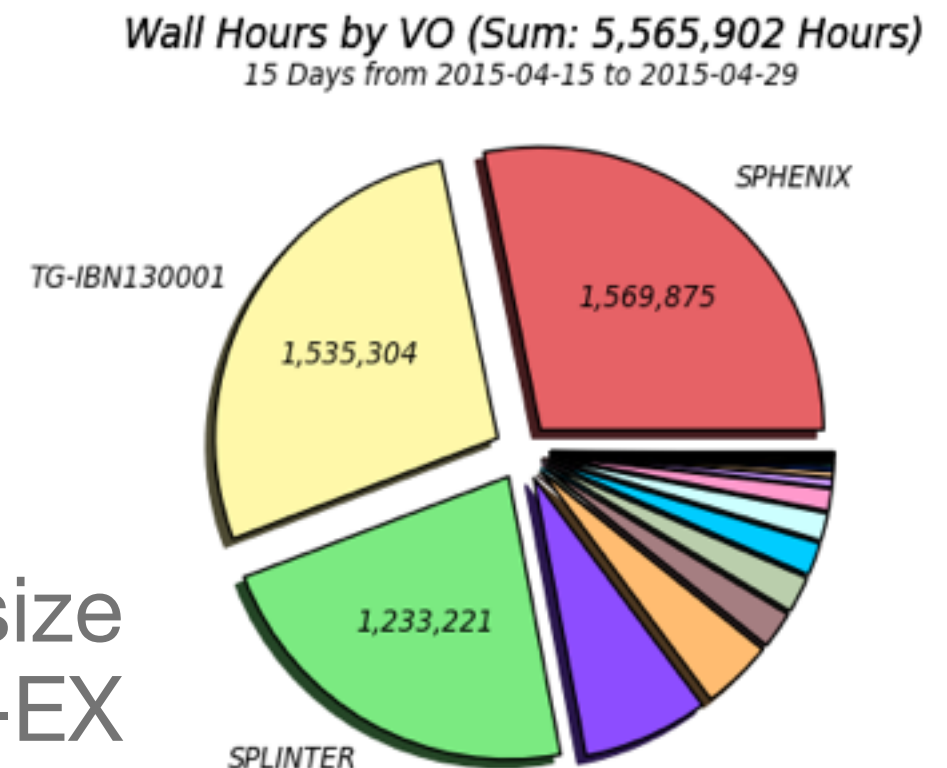
Run-15: p+Al is fully reconstructed now – available for analysis

\*Lumi: sampled integrated luminosity in pb<sup>-1</sup> (nb<sup>-1</sup>) in pp (highest energy HI);  
vertex range is narrow/wide/30 cm for heavy flavor, dileptons/WV/others

# Use of computing resources

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- RHIC Computing Facility (RCF):
  - 15,000 batch computing slots, 8 PB storage for raw data and DSTs
- Open Science Grid:
  - large-scale simulations w/o impacting closer-to-the-data RCF resources
- Keeping pace with increase of data size
  - Added VTX, FVTX, W trigger, MPC-EX
  - Still recording data with  $> 5$  kHz



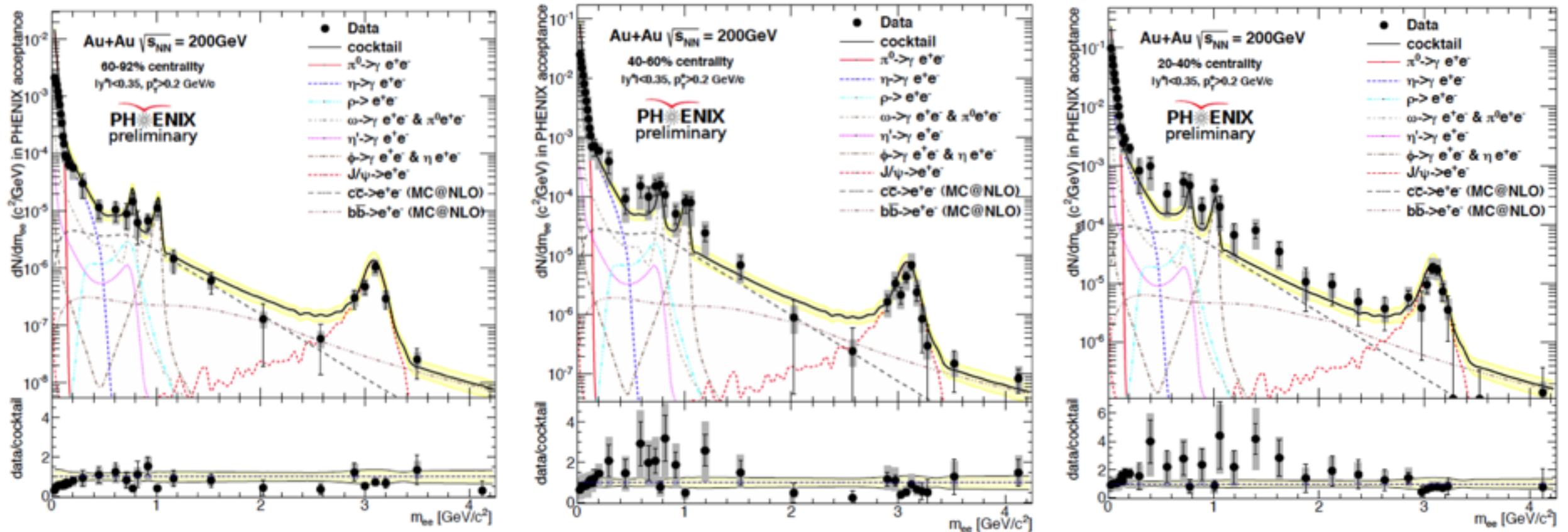


# Plans for key results in a timely fashion

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- Many details in talk by Stefan Bathe at BNL/NPP PAC meeting
- HBD and VTX results
  - Low mass di-electron in Au+Au
  - Separated charm/bottom yields from Run-11 Au+Au
  - Both papers are on track for journal submission by QM'15
- Flow analysis of  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$  – paper imminent

# HBD Data Release Plan



Quark Matter 2012, arXiv:1211.6002

- Preliminary result for peripheral and semi-central
- Final analysis completed
- Paper Preparation Group formed December 2014
- Complete paper draft exists
- Plan: **journal submission by September 2015**



# VTX Data Release Plan

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- Run11 Au+Au
  - Final analysis essentially done
  - Paper Preparation Group formed May 2015
  - Complete paper draft exists
  - Journal submission by September 2015
- Run14 Au+Au, Run 15 p+p
  - Analysis procedure established
  - analysis of Run14 Au+Au and Run15 p+p will be faster
  - preliminary result (50% of data) by September 2015
  - followed up by publication

# FVTX Data Release Plan

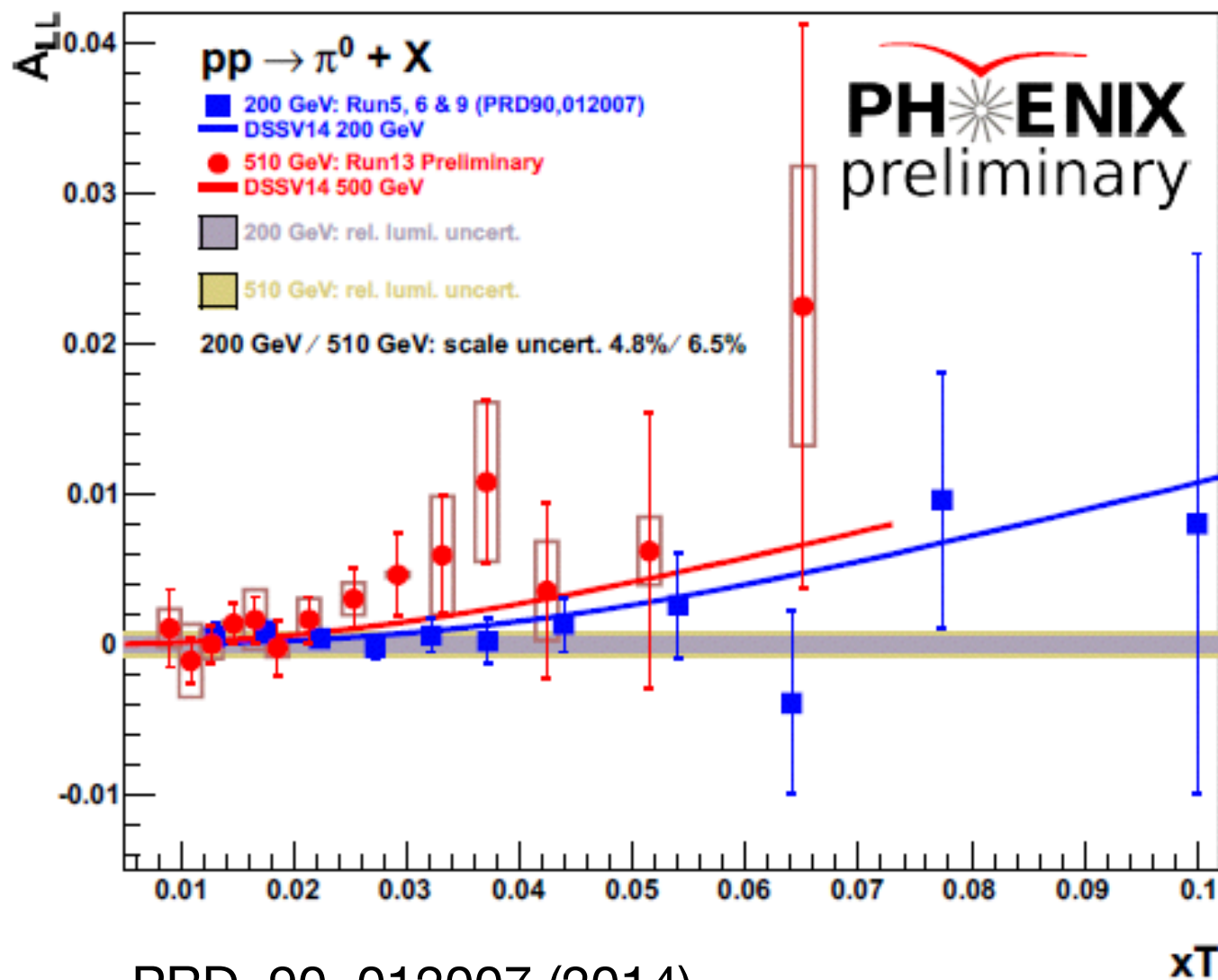
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- Reconstruction status
  - Run12 Cu+Au, p+p: done
  - Run14:
    - Starting in July
    - 5 months to 50% completion (November 2015)
    - 9 month to 100% completion (March 2016)
  - Run15:
    - starting this week,
    - two weeks to completion (July 2015)

**Goal: preliminary result from Cu+Au  
September 2015**

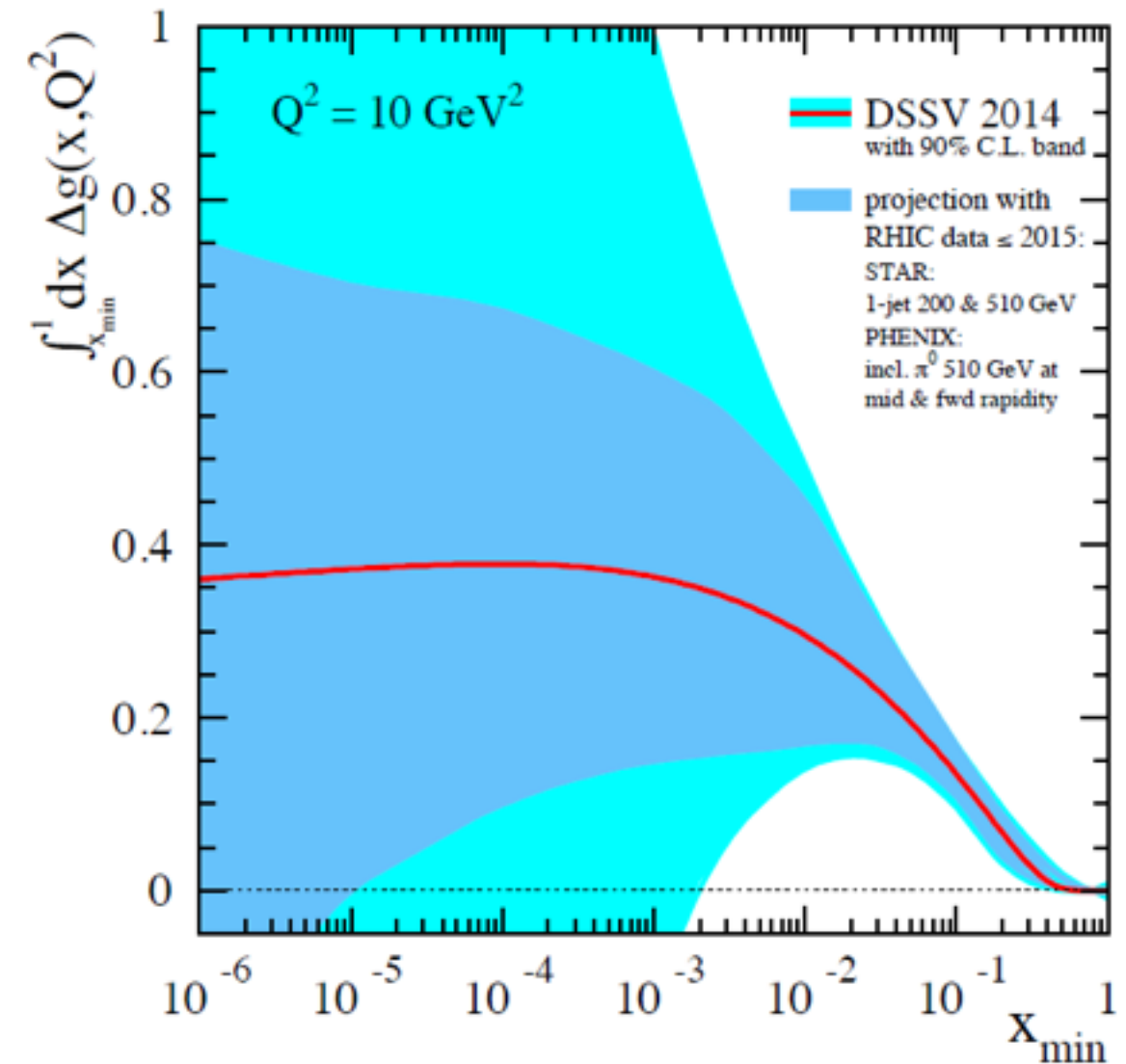


# Gluon Spin Results



PRD, 90, 012007 (2014)

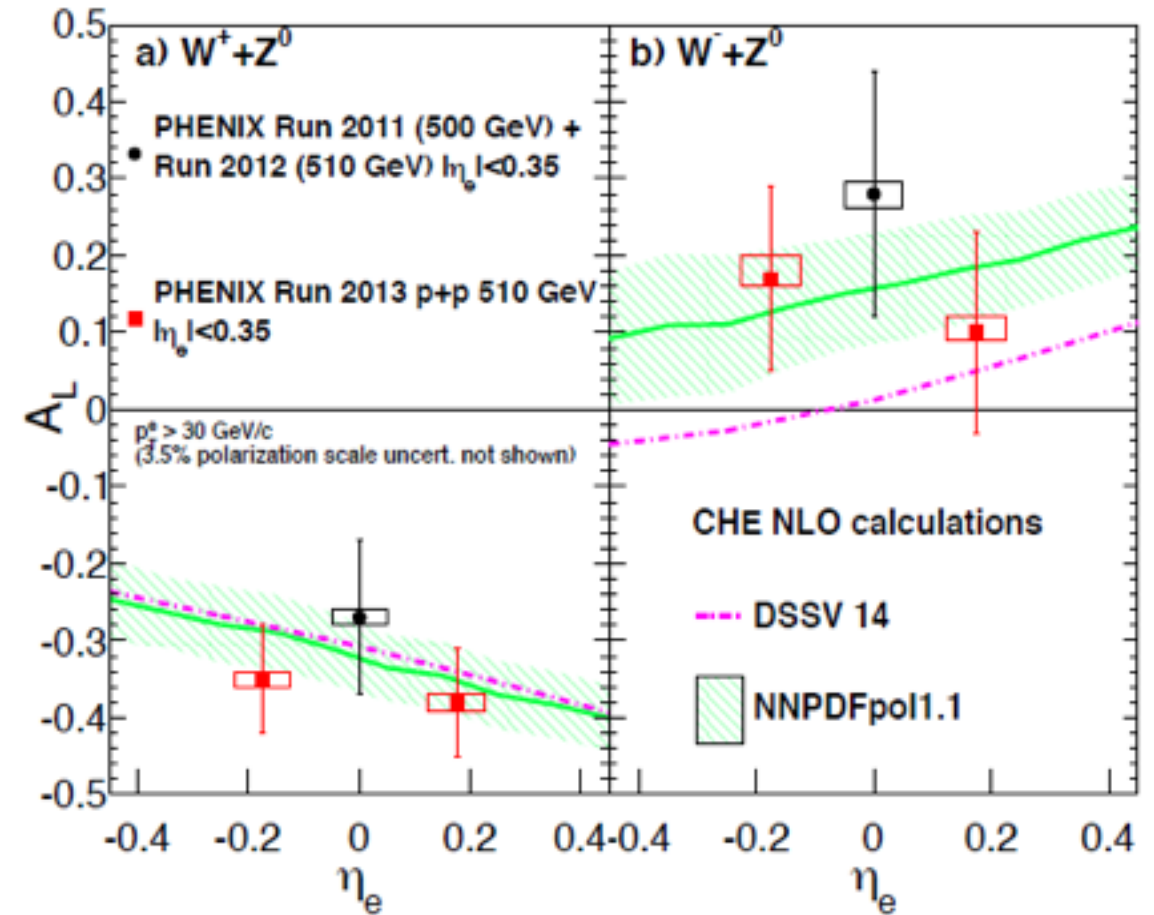
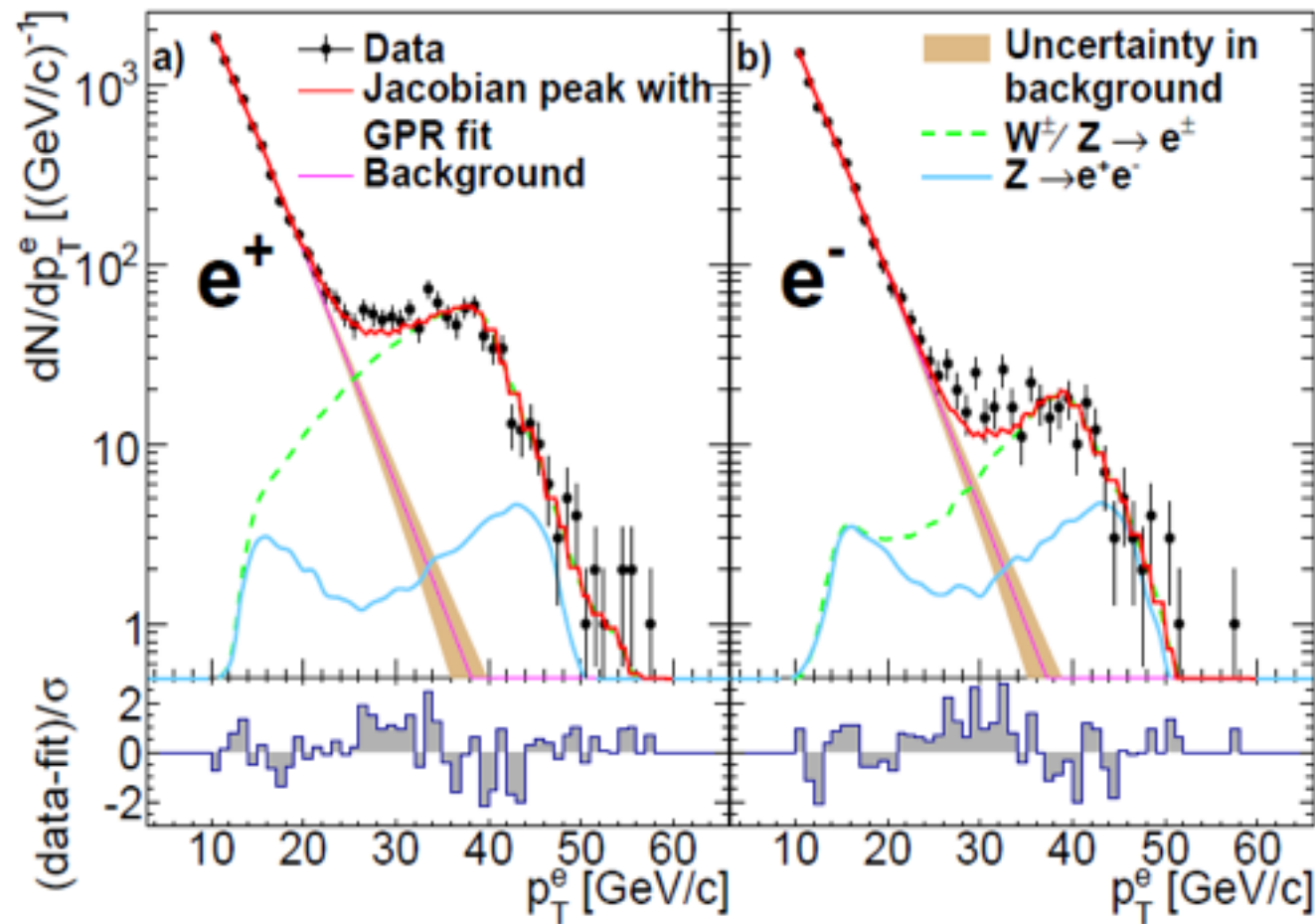
PRD, 91, 032001 (2015)



RHIC Spin White Paper  
1501.01220

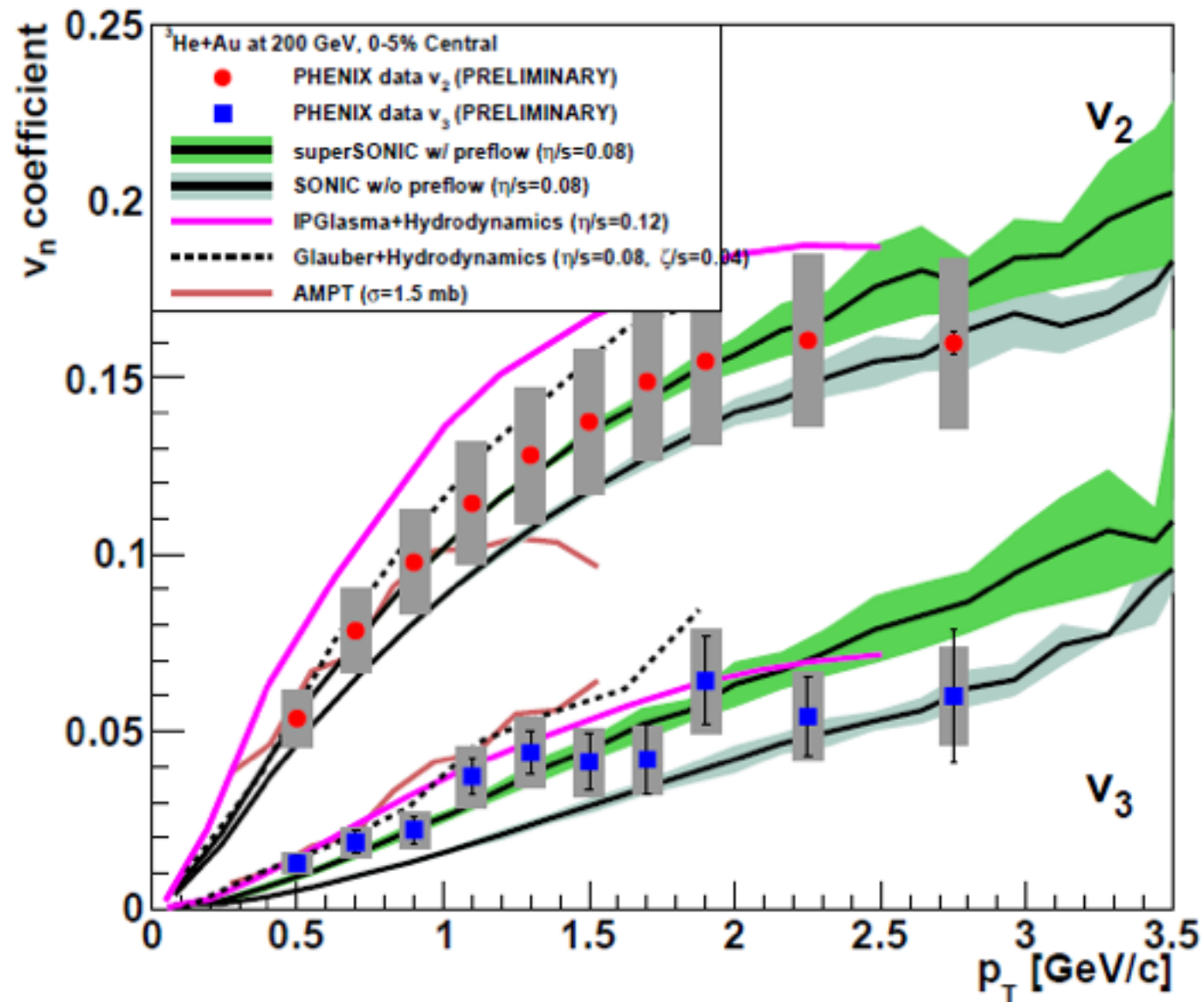
Finalizing Run-13 510 GeV  $p+p$  results

# Mid-Rapidity W results



W $\rightarrow$ e results from Runs 11, 12, 13 submitted for publication  
arXiv:1504.07451

# Run14 $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$



- Preliminary result shown at IS2014
- $v_2$  similar in  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$  and  $\text{d}+\text{Au}$
- Significant  $v_3$  in  $^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$
- Publication Plan
- Paper Preparation Group formed February 2015
- Journal submission in July 2015

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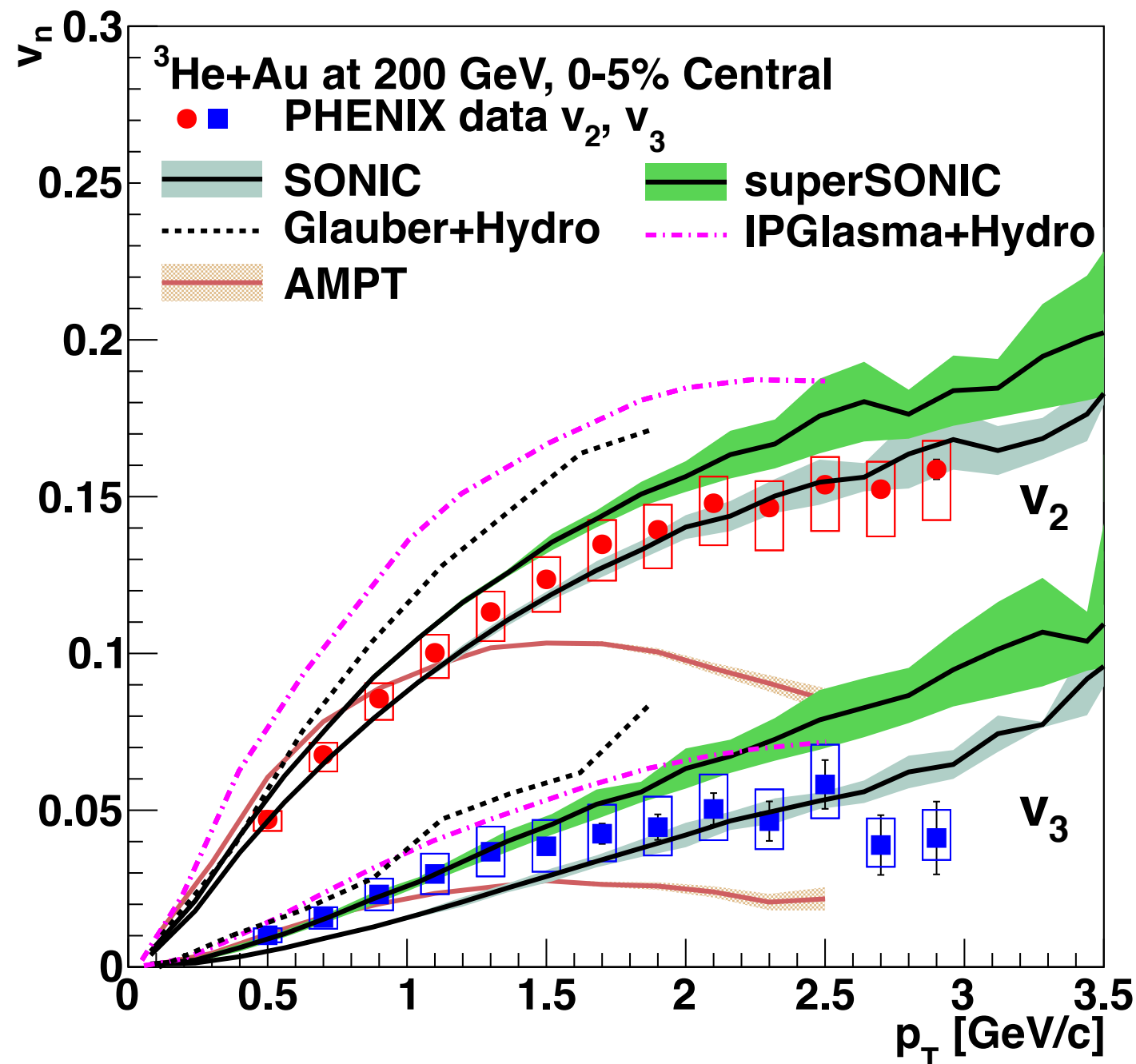
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~~Journal submission in July 2015~~

appeared on arXiv last night

**arXiv:1507.06273**

# Summary

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- Managing the collaboration toward the mid-term plan
  - Focus on key PHENIX deliverables
  - Effective interaction of PM, PWG conveners, Coordinators, Operations and Collaboration
  - Engage whole collaboration (paper reviews, speaking opportunities, highlight)
  - Emphasis on showing published results at major conferences
  - Involve collaboration in crafting future physics plan
- Approach to analyzing data in a timely fashion
  - Prioritize reconstruction of various data sets
  - Sophisticated exploitation of available computing resources
  - Emphasis on showing published results at major conferences (same as above)